

## **GREEN JOBS COLORADO TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM**

Colorado's New Energy Economy has set a national precedent in research, innovation, and clean energy job creation. Legislation, policy, and Colorado's natural resources have driven a steady increase in employment and economic development in green industries. Colorado has attracted new clean technology companies and opportunities in green industries have risen. We must ensure that our workforce development pipeline is training Coloradoans for these jobs. The Green Jobs Colorado Training Pilot Program established in HB 10-1333 provides incentives for certified training providers in order to ensure that Coloradoans can obtain the skills needed in the New Energy Economy. In order to do this, program develops a training program and advisory council.

The purpose of the pilot program is to maintain Colorado's competitive advantage and ensure that future workforce supply can meet the oncoming demand for green job skills in the New Energy Economy.

## **GREEN JOBS COLORADO ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### *DUTIES*

Three duties of Council outlined in HB 10-1333:

1. Administer the Green Jobs Colorado Training Program, receive and review applications for grants.
2. May coordinate the activities of any State Department, Office, or Agency that relate to green jobs.
3. May accumulate data relating to green jobs for the purpose of coordination and efficiency.

### *OUTPUTS*

Specific Deliverable of the Council:

1. Administer and award \$555,302 of green job training fund grants
2. Report to CO legislature and Governor by June 30, 2012

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The Green Jobs Colorado Advisory Council will be releasing a solicitation by the end of November for green job training programs.

### ***PURPOSE OF GRANTS***

Purpose of grants outlined in legislation:

- Developing training programs, strategies and curricula in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries
- Implementing or expanding existing renewable energy and energy efficiency training programs
- Complement existing green job training initiatives experiencing a shortfall in resources

### ***SOLICITATION PROCESS***

The Green Jobs Council will use an Interagency Competitive Grant process (an eligible governmental entity must be lead fiscal agent). The solicitation will be open to the public in mid-November. A working group has been formed to work on developing the solicitation application.

### ***APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY***

Grant applications shall provide at least one of the following training methods (as outlined in legislation):

- Certificate programs that meet industry recognized standards (as determined by the Council)
- On-the-Job training programs that combine workplace training with instructional program
- Skill upgrades or retraining employees, with a commitment by an employer to employ a qualified individual who completes the training
- Programs accredited by the CO Youth Corps Association or its successor

Applications must include three partners:

1. Certified Training Provider (lead applicant), including but not limited to:
  - a. Community college
  - b. Vocational school
  - c. Youth Corps
  - d. DOL registered Apprenticeship Program
2. Federally designated WFC region
3. One or more reps from several groups: employers, educators, training providers, economic development organization, Youth Corp or other workforce organizations

### ***BUDGET***

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b> (spent by)
	\$279,324	PY 08 ARRA WIA 10%	6/30/2011
	\$200,000	GEO ARRA SEP-renewable energy	02/2012
	\$75,978	PY10 WIA 10%	06/30/2013
Total	\$555,302		



**Green Jobs Colorado Advisory Council**  
***Membership***

Karen Beye, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services

Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Northeastern Junior College

Representative Brian DelGrosso, Colorado House of Representatives

Taryn Edwards, Chair, Colorado Workforce Development Council

Susan Kirkpatrick, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Local Affairs

Senator Kevin Lundberg, Colorado Senate

Jim Mantele, Business Manager, International Brother of Electric Workers  
Local Union 68

Donald Mares, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

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International Trade

Tom Plant, Executive Director, Governor's Energy Office

Carmen Rhodes, Executive Director, FRESC: Good Jobs, Strong Communities

Senator Gail Schwartz, Colorado Senate

Christine Shapard, Executive Director, Colorado Cleantech Industry Association

Cathy Shull, Executive Director, Progressive 15

Ethnie Treick, Manager of Policy Analysis, Xcel Energy

Representative Edward Vigil, Colorado House of Representatives

Del Worley, Holy Cross Energy, CEO

Christine Shapard, Director of the CO Cleantech Industry Association, is the chair of the Green Jobs Council and therefore serving on the CO Workforce Development Council.

Similarly, Taryn Edwards is the chair of the CO Workforce Development Council and a member of the Green Jobs Council.

Both Councils were designed to have the Chair of one serving on the other in order to promote communication and collaboration, and reduce potential duplication.

Additionally, the Green Jobs Council Staff person is a staff member of the CO Workforce Development Council.